

## REMARKS

In the restriction requirement, the Patent Office has alleged three groups of distinct inventions:

- I. Claims 19-20 and 61, drawn to an electronic ticket information distribution store terminal;
- II. Claims 29-35, and 62 drawn to an electronic ticket management method; and
- III. Claims 36-40 and 63, drawn to an electronic ticket assignment apparatus.

In response, Applicants elect without traverse Group II - Claims 29-35, and 62 drawn to an electronic ticket management method. Therefore, Applicants respectfully request that examination of the elected claim subject matter be conducted in due course. Further, Applicants reserve the right to file a divisional application directed to the non-elected subject matter.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge deposit account 02-1818 for any fees which are due and owing.

Respectfully submitted,

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